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Letters to the Editor --

Editor, San Diego Citizen:

At a crucial moment in our nation's history, the voters deserve to know whether the charges made regarding John Stormer's *None Dare Call It Treason* by the National Committee for Civic Responsibility and Mrs. Genevieve Oliver in her "letter to the editor" are true. If the charges are disproved, the attempt to discredit an informative book should be exposed.

Information on the NCCR's criticism of *None Dare Call It Treason* comes from a reproduced copy of an article in the *Christian Science Monitor* by Richard Neff under date of Sept. 24, 1964, obtained through Democrat headquarters. Mrs. Oliver says, "They (NCCR) found, after checking all his (Stormer's) references in the book, these were misquoted, misdated and some non-existent". Mr. Neff said, "A research committee of NCCR checked 43 items of documentation." This is a far cry from Stormer's over 800 references. Mr. Neff cites a few such items supposedly in error in Stormer's book. These must presumably be representative of the 43 checked.

Stormer, on page 170 of his book, tells of Arthur M. Schlesinger, Jr. "Proposing a continuing series of 'New Deals' as a back door approach to socialism." Schlesinger's article, which is reproduced in the *Congressional Record* for Feb. 6, 1962, from the May-June 1947 issue of *Partisan Review* reads, "There seems no inherent obstacle to the gradual advance of socialism in the United States through a series of New Deals". Neff's article says, "NCCR's researchers looked up the reference and concluded that 'Schlesinger outlines no such plan;...'". This clearly indicates that Stormer relates correctly and NCCR's charge is false on this item.

Stormer also says, "This became sharply clear in an article by Arthur M. Schlesinger, Jr., which set forth the plan for achieving socialism in America." NCCR claims "Schlesinger's remarks... said precisely the opposite and...".

from the same reference: "The socialist state is thus worse than the capitalist state..." and "The more varieties of ownership the better..." Schlesinger is quoted badly out of context by NCCR, as he is referring to government ownership and control—that is, more varieties of bureaucracy.

"Government ownership and control can take many forms. The independent public corporation, in the manner of TVA, is one; State and municipal ownership can exist alongside Federal ownership; the techniques of the cooperatives can be expanded; even the resources of regulation have not been fully tapped. The more varieties of ownership the better: liberty gets more fresh air and sunlight through the interstices of a diversified society than through the close-knit grip of collectivism. The recipe for retaining liberty is, not rationalization, but muddling through—a secret long known to the British who, as D. W. Brogan has put it, 'change anything except the appearance of things'."

"Socialism, then, appears quite practicable within this frame of reference, as a long-term proposition. Its gradual advance might well preserve order and law, keep enough internal checks and discontinuities to guarantee a measure of freedom, and evolve new and real forms for the expression of democracy."

In the concluding paragraph of his article, Schlesinger says, "...we have a good chance to test the possibilities of a peaceful transition into a not undemocratic socialism". Here again, Stormer is correct and the NCCR charge is unfounded.

Arthur Schlesinger, Jr. is today one of the 13 Vice Chairmen of the controversial Americans for Democratic Action (ADA), which he helped found, and is currently one of Hubert Humphrey's speech writers. He was a top adviser to the late President Kennedy. He neither "withdraws nor apologizes" for his 1947 article. Therefore, I would suggest that those who are interested in the truth read the article for themselves.

Another charge by NCCR is that Stormer says that

Edith Roosevelt did not say that "weapons and ammunition were supplied to the (anti-Castro) underground in Cuba by the CIA in such a way as to insure that they could never be used". The NCCR says that Stormer is in error in this reference. A check of the book on page 58, paragraph 3, clearly indicates that Stormer himself concluded this from Edith Roosevelt's article. The NCCR charge that Stormer quoted Edith Roosevelt is groundless.

Mr. Stormer says on page 168 of his book that "despite exposure of the Communist control of the C.I.O. (labor union) by Congressional investigations in 1938-39, the Communists remained in open control for at least seven more years." The reference given for this is the *Congressional Record*, Sept. 22, 1950, page A-6831. The NCCR said, "There is simply no mention whatever in the reference, which Mr. Stormer cites as to how long the C.I.O. remained under Communist influence." The material on page A-6831 discusses the exposure of communist influences in the C.I.O. in 1937-38—the fact that they were not removed until after World War II, seven years later, appears in the continuation of the speech at the top of the following page A-6832).

Mr. Stormer, on page 29 of his book, says, "In 1943, Congressional investigations later revealed, before the U.S. had itself assembled the first atomic bomb, half of all American uranium and the technical information needed to construct a bomb were sent to Russia." The NCCR says, "The congressional investigation revealed nothing of the sort, nor was there even such testimony." Later in the article the NCCR itself refers to the testimony which they said did not exist. Major George Bacey Jordan testified before the House Committee on Un-American Activities that American uranium had been shipped to Russia during World War II—even before we had completed our own A-Bomb. NCCR dis-

putes this testimony because Jordan had originally stated that 500 pounds of uranium were shipped. He based charge on the shipping papers and bills of lading—which was in charge of processing all lend lease shipments. It later determined (and shows the testimony quoted by NCCR itself) that the Russians had, in fact, asked for pounds of uranium—but as General Groves, head of the wartime Manhattan Project testified, "we could locate only pounds of uranium and that shipped". Because of this discrepancy, the NCCR calls him an "unreliable witness".

The publisher of *None Dare Call It Treason* is Liberty Press, 27 St. Anthony, Florissant, Missouri, telephone JU 5343. The NCCR reported there is no telephone listed Liberty Bell Press in Florissant and none in the entire St. Louis area. The above information was found by searching with the telephone company in St. Louis.

If these accusations by NCCR as cited by Mr. Neff are, in fact, misrepresentations, as the foregoing indicates, then the appointed NCCR's documentation and responsibility should be questioned, not John Stormer and his *None Dare Call It Treason*—R. K. Lutz, Del Mar, Calif.

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with the underground could route Castro and his gang. But the President cut back our forces, cancelled our flights, and the Cubans went on in, thinking all the time that air support was coming. You know the rest. I would give Kennedy credit for his stand during the Cuban Missile Crisis, but since he was informed of it several months before and then waited until two weeks before national elections to act, I consider it a political gimmick like the tax-cut bill (with no decrease in expenditures) during election year. I realize that he was a popular president, but our enemy doesn't choose a glad hander to make their important decisions for them. They will pick a man who will stand up for his country, and we cannot afford to do less. My brother is the commander of a fighter squadron in Vietnam, and unless we scrap our no-win policy, I don't expect him back for quite some time.

What has happened to the ideals America started with? If we had had such men as Truman, Kennedy and Johnson (yes, Bobby Baker and Walter Jenkins, too) in our government 190 years ago we would still be drinking English Tea. "Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it."

A side thought on the war of poverty: I wonder . . . is there a no-win policy on it, too? We already have 42 Federal agencies that do welfare work, but I guess that another right now will help the Liberal cause in the election.

perhaps even more than it helps the poor.

Of all the major legislation that has been proposed by the administration during the past four years, nearly all of it has been aimed at expanding the power of the Federal government and/or aimed at getting votes from a minority. During Truman's tenure in office most of the worthwhile legislation including the act which prohibits Communists from entering the country to become citizens and the Taft-Hartley act was passed over his veto. The government which was created to be our servant has made servants out of us.

There is much more to be said, but I'll rest my case. One last thought, however; no matter which candidate is elected, they ought to put Mrs. Johnson and Bobby Baker as joint heads of our Treasury Dept. If they can do as much for their country as their country has tolerated what they have done for themselves, our government ought to be debt-free in a decade.

Sincerely,
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